



## News from **Councilmember Todd Gloria**

### City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. This week, I voted to turn down the pay increase recommended by the Citizen's Salary Setting Commission. During my time as your Councilmember, I've also declined the car allowance and taken a 6% compensation reduction. When this issue comes up, I never forget that the average District Three family – the people I work for – earns \$46,000 per year, which makes my present salary more than adequate. Further, giving myself a raise is nowhere on my priority list.

My priorities continue to include infrastructure investments, parks and addressing the challenges of homelessness, all of which have been newsworthy this week. Please read on to learn more about these and other topics you may find helpful. As always, please stay in touch with any questions or concerns you may have.

#### **San Diego's Streets are Getting Sexier**

As someone who loves freshly paved streets perhaps more than most people, I am thrilled that more than 20 streets in District Three are being repaired this week and 13 more were approved for future improvements by the City Council.

District Three's communities are all at least 100 years old, and preserving them through regular maintenance is an effort worthy of investment.

This week, segments of the following roads will be repaired:

28<sup>th</sup> Street: Thorn Street to Pershing Drive

30<sup>th</sup> Street: Maple Street to Olive Street

31<sup>st</sup> Street: Cedar Street to Ash Street

32<sup>nd</sup> Street: North Park Way to Landis Street

Alabama Street: Meade Avenue to Monroe Avenue AND El Cajon Boulevard to Polk Avenue

Albatross Street: Washington Street to the end (south); W. Robinson Ave. to the end (north);

AND W. Walnut to the end (north)

Ash Street: Gregory Street to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street

Bancroft Street: Juniper Street to Ivy Street AND North Park Way to Upas Street

Commonwealth Avenue: From the beginning to Ivy Street

Curlew Street: W. Robinson Avenue to Sloan Avenue

Delaware Street: Madison Avenue to Golden Gate Drive

Herbert Street: University Avenue to Robinson Avenue

Kansas Street: Monroe Avenue to Madison Avenue

Lincoln Avenue: Idaho Street to Oregon Street

Mission Avenue: Monroe Avenue to Alabama Street

Monroe Avenue: 30<sup>th</sup> Street to Ohio Street AND Cleveland Avenue to Park Boulevard

Oregon Street: Howard Avenue to Polk Avenue

Palm Street: 33<sup>rd</sup> Street to Bancroft Street  
Polk Avenue: Oregon Street to Hamilton Street  
Ray Street: University Avenue to Myrtle Street  
Rhode Island: Madison Avenue to Golden Gate Drive  
Shirley Ann Place: Monroe Avenue to Madison Avenue

Similar improvements will occur on the following road segments between June 2012 and February 2013:

Arizona Street: Adams Avenue to Collier Avenue  
Brookes Avenue  
Campus Avenue: Meade Avenue to Monroe Avenue  
Collier Avenue: Arizona Street to Kansas Street  
Georgia Street: University Avenue to El Cajon Boulevard  
Grim Avenue: Redwood Street to Upas Avenue AND Myrtle Street to University Avenue  
Hamilton Street: El Cajon Boulevard to Collier Avenue  
Herman Avenue: Thorn Street to Upas Street  
Hixson Avenue: Home Avenue to Trailing Drive  
Menlo Avenue: Landis Street to Wightman Street  
Pershing Drive: I-5 northbound off-ramp to 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Posey Place: Hixson Road to the end  
Wilson Avenue: Meade Avenue to Collier Avenue

Now THAT is what I call sexy.

### **Joint Use Field for Jefferson Elementary Approved**

This week, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved moving forward with a joint use field at North Park's Jefferson Elementary School.

The agreement between the City and San Diego Unified School District will result in a synthetic turf multi-purpose sports field of almost an acre as well as 0.50 acres of hard courts, which will include a children's play area and a drinking fountain. It should be complete and open later this Spring.

The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$1,892,912, including land value, and design and construction costs, all of which will be borne by the school district's Prop S funds. The City will be responsible for maintenance of the joint use area.

When I stopped by Jefferson on Monday to read to Mrs. Hubbard's fifth grade class, the students could not have been more excited about their new play field. Me either!

### **North Park Mini-Park Workshops Coming Up**

My commitment to adding park space to District Three continues, and I hope neighbors will participate in the upcoming 3rd and 4th community workshops for the North Park Mini-Park and Associated Streetscape Improvements project, scheduled for the evenings of March 19, 2012 and April 23, 2012. The site of the Mini-Park is on North Park Way between Granada and 29<sup>th</sup>, directly behind the North Park Theatre.

3rd North Park Mini-Park Workshop  
Monday, March 19, 2012  
North Park Theatre – Upstairs Conference Room  
2891 University Ave.  
5:30 p.m. Open House  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Workshop

4th North Park Mini-Park Workshop  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
North Park Recreation Center  
4044 Idaho St.

For more information about the North Park Mini Park and Associated Streetscape Improvements Project, please contact the City's Project Manager, Todd Schmit at 619-533-4620, [TSchmit@sandiego.gov](mailto:TSchmit@sandiego.gov). And you can always access up to date information on the project at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip/projectsprograms/northparkminipark.shtml>.

### **Donate to Save the Check-in Center**

On Monday, Rick Gentry, President and CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), and I stood together at the Water Man Check-in Center and initiated a public campaign to save the facility, which houses secure bins that homeless individuals use to keep their property.

Donations may be sent to the San Diego Housing Commission with a notation that it is for the Check-in Center.

Donations may be sent to:  
The San Diego Housing Commission – Check-in Center  
Attn: Finance Department  
1122 Broadway, Ste. 300, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101

The Check-in Center keeps the possessions of our homeless neighbors safe, while helping keep San Diego's streets clean. San Diegans have benefited from this service for over a year, and your contributions are necessary to ensure its future.

SDHC administers and manages the Water Man Check-in Center, per an agreement with the City of San Diego. Since its opening early in 2011 at 917 Ninth Avenue, the Check-in Center has been credited for improved conditions on San Diego's streets and applauded by homeless people and advocates for helping solve this longstanding challenge of storing belongings in the public right of way. The idea for the facility was developed by the Water Man, David Ross, who is a well known local homeless advocate who got his moniker for distributing water to homeless people on the street.

Thanks to the generosity of my colleagues on the City Council, we contributed \$45,000 in Community Projects, Programs and Services funds to keep the Check-in Center open through the end of June. I now ask San Diegans to donate generously as well.

### **This Saturday: Bonus Hillcrest Trash Cleanup!**

The City of San Diego will provide a bonus trash pickup this Saturday, March 10 in parts of Hillcrest and Bankers Hill. The City of San Diego will pick up appliances, electronics, lawnmowers, metals, wood and yard trimmings, carpet, junk furniture, mattresses, palm fronds and more. No hazardous waste, batteries, paint or motor oil will be accepted.

Place your items at the point of regular trash collection by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Do not use automated refuse containers.

Please see the attached flier for a map of the service area and more information.

The City is also hosting a free community cleanup and recycling event on Saturday, March 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium *for City residents only*. Items accepted include electronics, appliances, metals, junk furniture, mattresses, fluorescent light bulbs and household batteries. No hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, pesticides, cleaners, aerosol cans, sharps/lancets, motor oil, propane tanks, gas cylinders, etc.) or construction and demolition debris (concrete, painted wood, bricks, blocks, asphalt, porcelain fixtures, etc.). For more information, call 858-694-7000.

### **2012 California Friendly Landscape Contest**

Every month, I am excited to choose a Water Conservation Garden of the Month for the District Three Dialogue newsletter. Now, you can also nominate your favorite water-smart yards for the 2012 California Friendly Landscape Contest. This contest is designed to recognize homeowners who have landscaped with water conserving plants and technologies, and to raise general public awareness of the need to save water.

Nominate your favorite District Three landscapes by Friday, April 6, 2012:

<http://www.landscapecontest.com/begin.htm>

### **Greater Golden Hill Community Plan Update Meeting**

The update process for the Greater Golden Hill Community Plan continues with a meeting tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Hill CDC office, 1504 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Check out the website for the agenda and discussion topics from previous meetings:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greatergoldenhill/index.shtml>.

### **Join Me at the 8th Annual San Diego Race for Autism on March 24**

On March 24, I will kick off the 8th Annual San Diego Race for Autism in District Three's own Balboa Park. The locally-based nonprofit National Foundation for Autism Research (NFAR) will host the event and expects a record attendance of more than 6,000 families, runners, teachers and professionals.

All Race proceeds stay right here, funding local research, programs, and autism resources for hundreds of San Diego classrooms.

Saturday, March 24, 2012  
6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Laurel in Balboa Park  
[www.RaceForAutism.org](http://www.RaceForAutism.org)

Thanks to the support of Race participants, NFAR has already awarded more than a half million dollars to 297 San Diego programs and classrooms, improving the lives of thousands of children with autism in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd". The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'T' and a cursive 'odd'.

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<http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd3>.